

9th Annual Force Health Protection Conference

“MAXIMIZING THE FORCE”



The Deployment Healthcare Track Presents Keynote Speaker

Anthony J. Principi, JD

Speaking on ***Key Health Trends Across Compensation,
Pension and Separation Evaluations for Veterans***

Plenary Session • August 8, 2006
2:00-3:00 P.M. • Ballroom C, West Wing

Anthony J. Principi served as Secretary of Veterans Affairs under President George W. Bush from March 2001 to February 2005. In this role he directed the nation's second largest government program with a \$64 billion budget and 230,000 employees. Mr. Principi is a combat-decorated veteran, having graduated from the United States Naval Academy in Annapolis, MD. He first saw active duty aboard the destroyer, USS Joseph P. Kennedy, and later commanded a River Patrol Unit in Vietnam's Mekong Delta.

Mr. Principi earned his law degree from Seton Hall University in 1975. He served in the Navy's Judge Advocate General Corps and as a legislative counsel for the Department of the Navy. Mr. Principi served as Deputy Secretary of Veterans Affairs from March 1989 to September 1992 when he was named Acting Secretary of Veterans Affairs by President George Bush. He served in that position until January 1993. He chaired the Federal Quality Institute in 1991 and was chairman of the Commission on Service Members and Veterans Transition Assistance established by Congress in 1996.

Mr. Principi was a partner in the San Diego, CA, law firm of Luce, Forward, Hamilton & Scrips, and Senior Vice President of Lockheed Martin IMS. Prior to his tenure as Secretary of Veterans Affairs, Mr. Principi was president of QTC Medical Services, Inc., a group of professional service companies providing independent medical examinations and administration. He is now Chairman of the Board of QTC Medical Services, Inc.

Presentation Summary:

QTC Medical Services is the sole private provider contracted to provide Compensation & Pension disability evaluations for the Department of Veterans Affairs and pre-discharge exams for the Department of Defense. They have been providing these exams since 1998 and have developed innovative technology solutions to assist with the exams. This software innovation has brought opportunities to analyze key health trends among veterans and newly separated service members returning from various theaters of conflict. This presentation will provide an analysis of data across eight years under the contract of approximately 1 million exams.

Presentation Objectives:

- Describe health key health trends from VA compensation and pension examinations and pre-discharge exams.
- Describe major medical conditions and their associations with various theaters of conflict.
- Identify major injury/disability trends and potential preventive measures.

